Richmond Dispatch.

MONDAY JANUARY 1, 1877.

SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF

RICHMOND IN 1876. CITY GOVERNMENT.

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At the death of the old year and the birth of the new, before the former is buried out of sight or the latter is received into our affection and favor, it is becoming and profitable to refresh the recollection of what was most notable in the departed. Like careful and prudent merchants and tradesmen, who balance their books and estimate their profits and losses, it is our duty to run over the incidents of the twelve months gone, and to analyze the varied information we have gathered in order to make certain of our standing. As it is difficult to value Bigger. of our standing. As it is unactioned a life till it is ended, or to reckon the gains a life till it is ended, or to reckon the gains w. J. Epps.

Surgeon of Almshouse, Dr. J. S. D. Culthe rapid current of business and the midst len. of traffic it is almost impossible to say whether or not progress is being made. On the 1st day of January, when there is a general lull for easting up of accounts, is presented the very opportunity needed. With the record spread out before us and tables for comparison at hand, with leisure and calmness we may form a correct judgment, learn to profit by our misfortunes, be nerved to greater endeavors by our successes, and Munford. from the lessons of experience grow in wis-

dom and strength. "The centennial year," which will forever stand conspicuous in the nation's history, and be embalmed in the memory of this generation at least, will have a place in our local annals chiefly as marking a period in which our oft-tried people were subjected to a new ordeal in which their patience, industry, and determination were severely tested. The result, as our figures will show, was another victory no less renowned than those gained when unswerving patriotism and unshaken courage were the qualities demanded. The statement that the city of Richmond not only Meredith, president Board of Aldermen; held its own in 1876, when every enterprise Joseph J. White, Police Justice; D. C. held its own in 1876, when every enterprise seemed crushed and every industry paralyzed throughout the land, but made noteworthy progress, would seem incredible if it were not that the evidence is at hand

to establish the fact beyond question. The products of our manufactures, though about a million dollars less in value, were in quantity about the same. They did not bring as much in the market, for the reason that every species of property, almost without exception, commands less money now than in former years. The manufacturers employed nearly as many hands as in the year before, but, for the cause before stated, could not pay them as good wages, nor was it possible for them to give steady work on full time. The manufacture of tobacco suffered no diminution, contrary to the general opinion. The amount of revenue-stamps purchased, though falling a little short of the previous year, is amply balanced by the item of manufactured tobacco exported to foreign countries, upon which no members of the body: stamps are required. There is every pros- Marshall Ward: O. P. Gregory, John A. peet that this already great interest will con- Curtis, James Hayes, Henry Metzger, J. J. tinue to grow in importance. The erection probably the most imposing and convenient buildings of the kind in the line of the line of the kind in the line of buildings of the kind in the country, and the proposed remodelling of Shockee ware- grove, C. T. Davis, James M. Talbott, house, a portion of which will be used for the Tobacco Exchange, are unmistakable signs of prosperity in this branch of busi- L. Straus. ness. The new State laws in relation to

given satisfaction.

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RICHMOND, VA., MONDAY MORNING. JANUARY 1, 1877 .-- DOUBLE SHEET.

not a few stores were put up during the year. City property maintains its value. Sales are not numerous; for those wanting to sell yet able to hold have such faith in the future of the city they will not dispose of

THE YEAR'S RECORD, their property on a weak market, assured that it will not be long before they will be able to realize full value. inequalities in the present assessment, those well informed say that such has been the increase in value of property on newly-opened streets that a reassessment would hardly lessen the aggregate.

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Our shipping has made rapid advance, especially in the articles of petroleum, cotton, and coal. This is especially gratifying as the benefits are distributed amongst nearly all classes.

As for business generally, wholesale and retail dealers, manufacturers and tradesmen, big and little, concur that but for the check following the election the year would have been one of very marked improvement. As it was, November and December were Present Condition of the City Debt. blanks in the calendar so far as profits were concerned. Merchants who have been in business here for twenty-five or thirty years say in all their experience they never knew of a time of such complete prostration of financial operations. Nearly all that was done was done in ten months.

Our municipal affairs have been well and economically conducted, and, in the main, have been approved by the tax-payers and other citizens. The new reservoir, which was put into operation a year ago, has been dispensing blessings to householders generally in the form of clearer water, and has been particularly serviceable to those re-siding in elevated localities, who were before unprovided for. The efficiency of the Fire Department has been increased by new supplies of hose. The public schools grow steadily in usefulness and popularity, and additional buildings will soon be needed in order to accommodate the children demanding admittance.

From startling crimes, serious breaches of the peace, great fires, and many other ills that have befallen other communities, we have been happily exempt. The good repute of Richmond as to health is enhanced by the decrease in the exhibit of mortality. In the list of dead, embracing those who were best known to the public, will be found the names of Henry A. Wise, General Richardson, Thomas U. Dudley, James R. Dowell, James H. Binford, Dr. Dove, and others dear to our hearts. The Board of Health were prompt and vigilant in the discharge of their duties.
In religious and benevolent matters the city continues its preëminence. Our statistics prove that our church-going population is unusually large, and that in active benevolence and the support of charitable insti-tutions we can justly claim to be peer of any municipality of our population and wealth. battle, borne our share of disaster and trouble, and been pretty thoroughly trained in the school of alversity, and through all made steady progress and no halt, it is not too much to expect that in the future which now seems full of promise) we will achieve important distinction and place Having withstood the rudest shocks of achieve important distinction and place It amond high up on the list of great cities. And now we invite our readers to search " 2 record we here present and say if we have overdrawn the picture or encouraged

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor, W. C. Carrington. City Attorney, A. M. Keiley. Treasurer, S. C. Greenhow. Clerk to Treasurer, D. A. Cardwell. Auditor, James B. Royster. Clerk to Auditor, E. McCarthy. City Engineer, W. E. Cutshaw. Assistant City Engineer, S. E. Bates. Clerk to City Engineer, S. B. Jacobs. Superintendent of Public Schools, James

Police Justice, Joseph J. White. Clerk to Police Justice, D. C. Richardson. Superintendent of Gas-Works, John H. Knowles. Foreman and Clerk of Gas-Works, W. C.

Gas Inspector, W. H. Page. Superintendent of Water-Works, James

Assistant Superintendent of Water-Works, W. J. Riddick. Chief of Police, John Poe, Jr. Surgeon of Police, Dr. C. W. P. Brock. Clerk to Police Force, Wallace Washing-

Chief of Fire Department, George A. Ainslie Superintendent of Almshouse, Charles P.

Matron of City Almshouse, Mrs. Lucy J City Clerk, Edward C. Howard. Sergeant-at-Arms of City Council, Benja-

min T. August. Clerk of First Market, Samuel Ellis. Clerk of Second Market, George Timber-

High-Constable, Thomas L. Whiting. City Sergeant, James M. Tyler. Commissioner of the Revenue, Robert B.

Assistant Commissioners of the Revenue, Edward Gray, H. H. Wilkins, and John W.

Wilks. City Collector, Aylett R. Woodson. Grain Measurer, William Dowden. Gauger, Richard Fox.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. G. Fish Inspector, James B. Foster, Jr. Harbormaster, R. H. Styll.

Coroner, Dr. W. H. Taylor. Deputy Coroner, Dr. Christopher Tomp-Sheriff, John W. Wright.

Superintendent of Fire-Alarm Telegraph, R. M. J. Paynter. Board of Police Commissioners: W. C. Carrington (Mayor), president; John A.

Richardson, clerk. The City Council. BOARD OF ALDERMEN.-The Board of Aldermen is composed of eighteen members, three from each ward in the city. Hon. John A. Meredith, of Madison Ward, is president. The following are the other

members of the Board, which meets on the second and fourth Monday in each month Marshall Ward: W. P. M. Kellam, C. B. Lipscomb, William H. Williams. Jefferson Ward: William H. Scott, James C. Smith, Christian Zimmer.

Madison Ward: Lloyd J. Beall, Louis Wagner, John A. Meredith. Monroe Ward: L. L. Bass, James T. Gray, H. G. Cannon. Clay Ward: Z. W. Pickrell, J. G. Spangenburg, Charles L. Todd.

Jackson Ward: R. M. Manly, Richard Forrester, Josiah Crump.

Common Council.—The Common Council is composed of thirty members, five from each ward. General Joseph R. Anderson, of Clay Ward, is president. The Common Council meets on the first and third Monday in each month. The following are the other

Jefferson Ward: John M. Higgins, W. S. Madison Ward: John H. Guy, N. D. Har-Thomas J. Starke. Monroe Ward: T. H. Ellett, W. H. Hax-

all, O. F. Manson, Samuel H. Pulliam, M. Clay Ward: George L. Christian, J. J. the inspection of tobacco went into opera-tion during the year, and seem to have

King, Joseph R. Anderson, John Lauer,
Robert W. Oliver.

Jackson Ward: R. J. Braselman, J. P. Wingfield, Jackson Fostel, R. W. Johnson, Many handsome private residences and N. P. Vandervall.

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OUR MANUFACTURES.

Our annual tabular statement of the manufactories of Richmond for 1876 shows that the general depression in the business of the country has sensibly affected them, exhibiting a falling off in the sales of their products, as compared with 1875, of \$1,364,-554; a reduction of 9 in the number of establishments at work, and of 505 in the number of hands employed. The falling off in the aggregate value of the products of our manufactories is largely owing to the lower prices which generally prevailed this year, and not to any marked diminution in the actual production. On the whole, the results of the year's work are satisfactory, and are really better than were anticipated during a year of unusual political excitement.

We give returns from 343 establishments, in which 11,247 hands were employed (a part of the year on short time), and whose sales amounted to \$22,424,680. We found our manufacturers generally hopeful in regard to the business prospects of the new year, and anticipating a decided increase of orders in the early spring. It is gratifying to know that very few of them think of reducing their working force during the winter.

| | KIND OF MANUPACTORIES. | Number of establishmen | Number of hands. | Value of tools an | Value of real estat | Amount of sales. |
|-----|--|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | 3.0 | | | | 8 72,500 | 2 331,000 |
| | Agricultural machinery, implements, &c | 5 | 173 | \$ 53,800 57,000 | 50,000 | 68,500 |
| | Rakers | | 91 | 23,400 | 68.000 | 176,100 |
| | Barrels, | 7 | 171 | 2,900 | 35,000 | 64,000 |
| | Bark and sumac | . 4 | . 83 | 25,000 | 44,000 | 250,000 |
| | Вакв | 27 | 318 | 11,600 26,500 | 4,500 58.000 | 132,800 |
| | Brickmakers and builders Bookbinders, lithographers, and paper-box makers | 6 | 113 | 32.000 | 36.500 | 102,100 |
| | Book and ich printers, and paper-box makers | 11 | 90 | 32,000 82,300 | 41,000 | 107,500 |
| | Book and Job printers | 42 | 143 | 6,500 | 40,000 | 225,000 |
| | Boxes (wood) | 3 5 | 94 | 9,000 | 23,500 | 153,000 |
| | Carriague and wagons | 5 | 73 50 | 3,200 6,000 | 47.500 63,000 | 237,000 |
| | Candy | 36 | 302 | 2,600 | 100,000 | 207,000 |
| | Cigars | 1 | 8 | 100 | 6,000 | 8,500 |
| 1 | Corn meal | 5 | 24 | 43,000 | 64,000 | 344,000 |
| | Coffee and stuce | 1 | 9 | 3,500 | 6.000 | 60,000 |
| | Clothing | 2 | 160 | 300 | 37,000 | 160.000 |
| | Cotton factories | 2 | 375 | 150.000 | 115.000 89,700 | 212,000 |
| ã | Drugs medicines, and ment-juice | 30 | 71 93 | 6.400 45.000 | 55,000 | 419.00 |
| 1 | Fertilizers. | 4 | 182 | 470,000 | 470,000 | |
| | Furniture, mattresses, &c | 4 | 97 | 33,000 | 74,500 | 123,000 |
| | Cranito-works | 2 | 518 | 50,000 | 225,000 | 325,000 |
| | Hoon elists and ladios and centlemen's underwear. | 3 | 13 | 1.300 | 11,000 | 2,032,78 |
| | Iron- and nati-works, machine-works, and loundries. | 15 | 1.817 | 1,538,000 | 1,020,000 | 32,40 |
| | Lime Lubricators. | 2 | 9 | 7,000 | 16,000 | 42,50 |
| | Marble- and stone-cutters | 8 | 56 | 1,400 | 26,000 | 36,50 |
| | Matche: | 1 | 40 | 3,500 | 6,000 | 7,00 |
| | Dance | 1 | 60 | 46,000 | 30,000 | 118,00 |
| | Sach blinds doors &c | 4 | 115 | | 5,000 | 152,50 25,00 |
| 9 | Saw-works. Saddles, harness, horse-collars, &c | 0 | 81 | 3,340 | | 143,10 |
| | | i | 15 | 30,000 | 6,000 | 52,00 |
| 1 | Ctore foundry | 1 | 70 | | 25,000 | |
| | Ctonomono | 1 | 12 | | 2,500 | 10,00 |
| | Conn and candles | 0 | 10 | | 17,000 | 85.50 173.00 |
| | | 13 | 4,225 | 388,500 | 375,000 | |
| | Tobacco, chewing and smoking | 7 | 380 | | 67,000 | 1,472,40 |
| | | 12 | 696 | 8.630 | 141.000 | 885,00 |
| | Tobacco reprirers | 3 | 20 | 2.000 | 6,500 | 80,00 |
| | Tobacco reprizers. Tobacco-fixtures manufactory | 1 | 10 | | 4,500 | 12,00 |
| . 1 | | 13 | 85 | 9,950 | 73,000 5,500 | |
| 1 | | 1 | 15 15 | 10,000 | | 33,00 |
| 1 | Type-foundry Wire-railings and verandahs, &c | 2 | 28 | 13,000 | | |
| | | | | 10000 10000 | | |
| 1 | Totals | 343 | 11,247 | 1\$3,354,120 | \$3,961,200 | \$22,424.68 |
| - | | | | ND DED | | |

REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

The following is a statement of the city debt and interest from January, 1865, to

| 88778 8778 8778 8778 8778 8778 | Year, | charged on |
|---|--|--|
| \$1.886.392 2.071.8442 2.081.85442 2.081.85442 2.082.8562 2.082.8562 2.107.828 2.107.828 3.084.8443 3.084.8443 3.084.8443 3.084.8443 | Six Per Cent. Bonds. | Total tax |
| * 30,000 250,000 257,000 257,000 1,030,700 | Eight Per Cent. Bonds. | Total personal property ense-tax on business Total tax |
| \$1.884.399 2.097.3992 2.097.3992 2.098.8522 2.081.8522 2.088.8522 2.088.8522 2.088.8582 2.936.8688 2.936.8688 2.936.948 2.936.948 2.936.948 2.936.948 2.936.948 2.936.948 | Total. | 1 1 1 7 |
| \$ 21.000 164.250 10.210 4.450 245.676 629.060 985.465 598.697 298.697 | Increase. | 11,706,658 |
| \$113,183 114,442 1124,991 1224,991 125,208 125,208 125,208 125,208 125,208 125,208 125,208 1267,525 2267,525 2267,525 | Interest. | 910,000 |
| * 1,269 9,856 618 297 1297 8,399 46,770 19,586 46,796 46,796 46,796 46,796 | Increase. | \$11,751 |
| horized issue of bonds, lue of real estate, \$30, ual to | 18 per cent. of taxable .223,609, | \$ 39,230 \$690,970 |

CITY DEBT.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund past-due bonds are being paid on demand as presented. The amount of bonds that have matured and are outstanding, for which payment has not been demanded, is \$11,500; the interest on which

TAXABLE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE.

The following is a statement of the taxa-

| 1876 30 | 1875. 29 | ri. | 1873. 26, | 1872. 26, | 1871 26, | 1870 24, | 1869 24, | 1868. 23, | 1867. 20, | 1866 19, | 1865., \$19, | Year. Appra |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 30,223,609 | 29,831,162 | 29,166,979 | 26,951,443 | 26,199,464 | 26,006,156 | 24,836,710 | 24,185,240 | 23,997,428 | 20,786,398 | 19,707,277 8 | \$19,844,050 | Appraisement. |
| 392.447 | 664,183 | 2,215,536 | 751,979 | 193,308 | 1,669,446 | 151,470 | 187.812 | 3,211,030 | 1,079,121 | \$ 363,227 | | Yearly increase |
| 1-50 | 1-50 | 1-50 | 1-50 | 1-25 | 1-25 | 1-25 | 1-25 | 1 | 1-20 | 1-20 | - | Rate. |
| 4 | 40 | 48 | 40 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 30 | 23 | 24 | 23 | \$19 | cul |

The appraisement of 1868 includes the value of real estate embraced within the extended limits of the corporation, or new addition, the increase of taxable value since 1865 being \$10,879,559. Average rate of tax, 1865 to 1876, inclusive, 1-28 per cent.

MARRIAGES.

The following statement shows the number of marriage licenses that were issued therein. from the clerk's office of the Hustings Court and from the clerk's office of the Henrico County Court during the past year. The curious may see in which month the most marrying was done:

| FROM THE | HUSTINGS | COURT | CLERK'S C | FFICE. |
|--|-----------|--|---|---|
| Months. January February March March May June June July August September October November December | | 31 24 15 20 28 12 25 25 35 35 | Colored. 10 16 11 16 17 21 18 12 18 21 27 28 213 | Total- 41 40 26 34 37 49 28 37 41 56 61 63 513 |
| There were in 1875. January February March | rom Henri | co Clerk | s Office. White. C | |

The following statement contains the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city and the city taxes thereon, the number of polls, &c., for the year 1876. Rate, 1½ on \$100; polls at 50c. each included, and some little back tax former years:

| | ZY CH XX XX | 1/2 |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| Total real o | MARSHALL JEFFERSON MADISON MONROE CLAY JACKSON | WARDS. |
| Total real estate Total personal property | Real estate | |
| \$30,224,465 \$16,886 01 11,706,653 | \$ 2.307.140 \$ 303.773 7.998.721 3.781.586 8.240.636 6.956.158 5.947.506 2.087.666 2.087.666 2.087.666 1.866.495 1.45.436 | Assessed Value. Culverts,&c. |
| \$16,88 6 01 | \$ 505 53 4,172 34 2,966 33 4,401 67 3,233 49 1,606 65 | Culverts,&c. |
| \$11,751 | \$ 1,707 2,483 1,576 2,026 1,613 2,346 | Polls. |
| \$11,751 \$470,256 60 181,483 01 | \$ 35,113 5,411 124,159 57,966 1267,966 1267,966 1267,191 93,113 93,113 91,358 61,358 61,358 93,357 | Amount Tax. |
| 1001 | 1729837998769 | H |

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The Richmond the Board of Poli Carrington, the Po Richardson is secre Major John Poe, Jr., is the chief of police : Wallace Washington, clerk to same; Dr. C. W. P. Brock, surgeon. The police force numbers eighty-four men, and is at present in excellent condition.

First Police-Station .- Captain James B. ble value of real estate and taxes thereon from 1865 to 1876, inclusive, under assessments made by order of the City Council:

Pleasants, Sergeant B. F. Howard, Sergeant W. B. Whitlock, Sergeant Daniel Wren, Acting Sergeant James P. Jeter, and 22

B. White, Sergeant Reuben T. Seal, Sergeant John D. Perrin, Sergeant John T. Hall, Acting Sergeant James B. Angle, and Patrolmen. Total, 27.

Third Police-Station .- Captain Charles H. Epps, Sergeant Dudley Gilman, Sergeant Robert N. Thomas, Sergeant J. H. Parater, Acting Sergeant A. R. Cousins, and 19 patrolmen. Total, 24.
Sergeant E. H. Chalkley detailed at Police

der Board of Health. Total officers and Resigned, 2; discharged, 2; died, 2. Total,

Number of arrests made, 5,783. Felony, 378; misdemeanors, 5,405; white, 2,313; colored, 3,570-total, 5,783. Number of violations of city ordinances reported, 1,022; number of alarms of fire given, 76; number of lodgers accommodated, 1,837.

This department of the city government has undergone a considerable change during the past year, Its condemnation by a com-mission appointed by Judge Guigon some time since caused the City Council to appropriate an amount sufficient to enlarge it, and for other improvements for the purpose of adding to the comforts of those confined

Captain Tyler took immediate steps to three times; Box 31, eight times; Box 32, render the prison as comfortable as circumstances would permit by directing his own personal attention to the accomplishment of times; Box 46, six times; Box 51, one time; this object. New rules and regulations were Box 52, one time; Box 58, two times. adopted for its government; in fact, the whole system in vogue before he took charge was changed. The present condition of th jail for cleanliness and the health of the un- FIRE-ALARM AND POLICE TELEfortunates under his charge will bear a favorable comparison with any similar insti-tution in America. While this is a source of

the year, 731; being 464 less than last year.

Of the nuraber received during the year, there were 178 white men, 14 white women, 342 colored men, 192 colored women. Lunatics—20 received during the year; 5 white The discontinuous and the constraint to the constraint Manufacture of the Court of the

men, 1 white woman, 10 colored men, 4

colored women. Conveyed to the penisentiary, 35 during the year-4 white men, 24 colored men, 7 colored women-1 person under sentence of death for murder, I awaiting trial for murder, 4 awaiting the action of the Court of Appeals under sentence to the penitentiary for the respective terms of 7, 2, 3, and 2 years, for grand larceny. One death during the year. One escape-Andrew Müller, in February last. Present number in confinement, 140. Number of persons charged with grand larceny during the year, 81 white men, 3 white women, 180 colored men, 23 colored women.

In the recent death of Dr. Dove, who held the position of fail physician for a number of years, Judge Guigon appointed as his successor Dr. James Beale, an old and experlenced physician.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department of the city of Richcommanders, 7 foremen, 77 minute-men, 15 the past year 14,066 bushels of coal less and station-men, and 18 horses, located and

Company A (steam fire-engine), M. T. Phillips commander, A. L. Tinsley foreman, 11 minute-men and 3 station-men. Enginehouse, Broad street between Ninth and

man, 11 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, Third street between Broad and Grace. Company C (steam fire-engine), B. A.

Twenty-tirst. Company D (steam fire-engine), George W. Sublett commander, J. F. Wingfield foreman; 11 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, corner Brook avenue and

Truck-house, Broad street between Ninth

Company F (steam fire-engine), Twenty-G. W. Taylor commander, E. T. Snead tent, still perform the labor with regularity. foreman; 11 minute-men, 3 of whom are on duty in the engine-house at night; 1 station-man. A steam fire-engine has been bought by the City Council, and is now complete. Company G (hose-company), A. L. Fuqua

The recent cold weather has operated very much against the pumps. Floating ice and snow has more or less choked the forebay, giving more trouble than ever before, particularly the turbine pumps; the chief Registered Letters, 752,010; drop letters, 50,911; drop cards, 182,300; papers, &c., 90,215.

Registered Letters, 20,031; drop cards, 71,374; papers, &c., 514,813. Collected—cards, 182,300; papers, &c., 90,215. minute-men. Tenth street between Main quently the water in the reservoirs has and Cary.

The Department has been recently supthing appears to be in good working order. reservoir, being a small place, is much more and the officers and men deserve the credit ready to administer to the comfort of vis- \$329,194.63. The amount of deposits rethey receive for their faithfulness and labors.

Fires During the Year.

| SON. | Ds. | that have | wit | curred th the ca | during the past years, loss, &c.: |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|
| Real es Person Real es Person Real es Person Real es Person Real es | | DATE. | BOX. | LOSS. | CAUSE OF FIRE. |
| Real estate Personal property. Real estate Personal property. Real estate Personal property. Real estate Personal property. Real estate | | 1876. Jan. 2 Jan. 7 Jan. 14 Jan. 15 Jan. 19 Jan. 28 | 17 26 | 50 200 | Accident. Defective flue. Chimney sparks. Sparks from fire-place. Unknown. False alarm. |
| \$ 2.307,140 \$ 2.307,140 7.998,7721 7.998,7721 7.998,781 5.781,586 6.947,566 5.947,566 5.947,566 5.947,967 | Assessed Value, Culverts,&c. | Jan. 28 Jan. 30 Feb. 2 Feb. 3 Feb. 6 Feb. 9 Feb. 15 Feb. 19 | 23 24 31 15 16 21 45 | 3,000 200 25 | Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Hot stove-pipe. Unknown. Out of city. Kerosene explosion. Chimney sparks. |
| \$ 505 53 4,172 34 2,966 83 4,401 67 3,233 49 | Culverts,&c. | Feb. 19 Feb. 21 Feb. 23 March 3 March 13 March 13 | 31 26 31 23 14 3 | 1,000 | Friction. Defective flue. Unknown. False alarm. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Gas-bu ner near wood-w |
| * 1,707 2,483 1,576 2,026 | Polls. | March 18 March 18 March 25 March 28 March 31 April 1 | 26 15 | 50 100 | Chimney sparks. False alarm. Defective fine. Unknown. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. |
| \$ 35,113 13 \$ 35,113 13 5,411 13 4,143 37 124,163 37 126,711 69 176,131 59 176,131 59 17,131 37 18,135 37 18,135 37 18,135 37 18,135 38 18,135 37 18,135 38 18,135 38 18,13 | Amount Tax. | April 4 April 9 April 16. April 28. April 30. May 11 May 15 May 15 | 43 42 45 45 12 23 | 500 5 400 | Chimney sparks. Unknown. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Sparks from fire-place. Chimney sparks. |
| ICE FORCE. | nu je i čego | June 13. June 15. | 13 | 8,000 | Out of city. Accident. Unknown. |
| police force is ma lice Commissioners President of the Ci olice Justice. M cretary of the Police | Mayor ity Coun- r. D. C. | June 16. June 23. June 27. July 4 July 5 July 5 July 6 July 10 | 2 | 1,500 | Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Unknown. False alarm. Sparks from locomotive Kerosene explosion. Chimney sparks. Out of city. |

patrolmen. Total, 27.

Second Police-Station.—Captain Thomas

Court, and three men detailed for duty un-Changes in the Force During the Year .-Appointed, 6.

CITY JAIL.

The work was partially completed in July last, when the present incumbent, Captain James M: Tyler, took charge as Sergeant, and James M. Macon and James Hannon as deputies.

divided as follows:

Company B (steam fire-engine), S. H. Herndon commander, J. T. Pemberton fore-

Purks commander, H. Paul foreman; 11 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, Main street between Twentieth and

Marshall street. Company E (hook-and-ladder company),

George R. Minor commander, A. T. Minor foreman; 11 minute-men and 2 station-men. and Tenth.

| 1876. | - | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| Jan. 2 Jan. 7 | 25 | \$ 200 | |
| Jan. 7 | | 10.000 | Defective flue. |
| | 32 | 50 | Chimney sparks. |
| Jan. 15 Jan. 19 | 17 26 23 24 | 200 | Sparks from tire-place. Unknown. |
| Jan. 28 | 20 | 200 | |
| Jan. 28 | 2 | | Chimney sparks. |
| Jan. 30 | 24 | | Chimney sparks. |
| Fob 9 | 44 | | Chimney sparks. |
| Feb. 2 | 6 | 50 | Chimney sparks. |
| Feb. 3 | 31 15 | 30 | Chimney sparks. |
| Feb. 3 | 15 | 3 000 | Hot stove-pipe. Unknown. |
| Feb. 3 Feb. 3 Feb. 6 Feb. 9 Feb. 15 | 16 | 3,000 | |
| Feb. 15 Feb. 19 Feb. 19 | 21 | 900 | Out of city. Kerosene explosion. Chimney sparks. Friction. Defective flue. Unknown. False alarm. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Gas-buiner near wood-work |
| Feb. 10 | 45 | 25 | Chimney enarks |
| Feb. 19 | 31 | 300 | Friction. |
| Feb. 21 | 2 | 1.000 | Defective flue |
| Feb. 19 Feb. 21 Feb. 23 | 28 | 1,000 | Unknown |
| March 3. | 31 | 2,000 | False alarm. |
| March 3 March 5 | 23 | | Chimney sparks |
| March 13 March 18 | 14 | | Chimney snarks. |
| March 18 | 3 | 100 | Gas-burner near wood-work |
| March 18 | 32 | 100 | Chimney sparks. |
| March 18 | 30 | | False alarm. |
| March 25 | 13 | | Defective flue. |
| March 28 | 28 | 50 | |
| March 31 | 15 | 100 | |
| April 1 | 2 | | |
| April 4 | 43 | | Chimney sparks. |
| April 9 | 42 | 500 | Unknown. |
| April 16. | 26 15 43 42 23 45 | | Chimney sparks. |
| April 28. | 45 | 5 | Chimney sparks. |
| April 30. | 2 | | Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. |
| May 11 | 12 | 400 | Sparks from fire-place. |
| May 15 | 23 | | Sparks from fire-place. Chimney sparks. |
| May 15 | 12 23 53 46 | 500 | Out of city. |
| June 13. | 46 | 500 | Accident. |
| April 4. April 9. April 16. April 28. April 30. May 11. May 15. June 13. June 15. June 23. June 27. July 4. July 4. July 5. | 13 46 42 31 12 35 23 52 32 | 8,000 | Unknown. |
| June 16. | 46 | 100 | Chimney sparks. Chimney sparks. Unknown. |
| June 23. | 42 | 1,500 | Chimney sparks. |
| June 27. | 31 | 1,500 | Unknown. |
| July 4 | 12 | 100 | Faise alarm. |
| July 5 | 23 | 100 | Sparks from locomotive. Kerosene explosion. |
| July 5 | 92 | | Rerosene explosion. |
| July 6 | 20 | | Chimney sparks. Out of city. |
| July 17 | 02 | | |
| July 30 | 0 | | Chimney sparks. |
| July 31 | - | | Kerosene explosion. |
| Aug. 5 | 9 | | Smoke-stack. |
| Aug. 8 | 10 | 1,000 | Matches. |
| July 4 July 5 July 6 July 10 July 17 July 31 July 31 July 31 Aug. 8 Aug. 19 Aug. 24 Sept. 24 Sept. 29 Oct. 8 Oct. 8 Nov. 2 | 32 32 22 5 22 5 22 5 24 16 31 5 5 | 2,000 | False atarm. |
| Aug. 24. | 24 | 1,000 | Unknown. |
| Sept. 4 | 16 31 51 45 46 | | Kerosene explosion. |
| Sept. 29. | 31 | 10,000 | Unknown. |
| Oct. 1 | 51 | | Chimney sparks. |
| Oct. 8 | 5 | , | Kerosene explosion. |
| Oct. 28 | 45 | 300 | Unknown. Chimney sparks. |
| Nov. 2 | 16 | 1,000 | Chimney sparks. |
| | | 300 1,600 25 75 | Chimney sparks. |
| Nov. 6 | 46 | 75 | Chimney sparks. |
| Nov. 6 Nov. 10 Nov. 12 Nov. 13 Nov. 21 Dec. 3 | 46 31 53 | | |
| Nov. 12 | 53 | 200 | |
| Nov. 13 | 31 | | Unknown. Chimney sparks. False alarm. Friction. Chimney sparks. Unknown. |
| Nov. 21 | 34 | | raise alarm. |
| Dec. 3 | 14 | | Faise alarm. |
| Dec. 5 | 14 | 50 | Friction. |
| Dec. 8 | 31 | | Chimney sparks. |
| Dec. 14 | *0 | 200 | Vales alaym |
| Dec. 14 | 170 | 7.000 | Kurosana avnlosion |
| Dec. 17 | 17 | 1,000 | Chimney expression. |
| Dec. 18 | 16 | | Mrs. Wigand on fire |
| Dec. 22 | 19 | 5.000 | Accident. |
| Dec. 5 Dec. 8 Dec. 14 Dec. 17 Dec. 18 Dec. 22 Dec. 29 | 10 | . 17,000 | Unknown. False alarm. Kerosene explosion. Chimney sparks. Mrs. Wigand on fire. Accident. |
| | | | IMPER AMERICA |

RECAPITULATION. CAUSE OF FIRE. MONTHS. ET LOSS. Gas-burner near wood-Sparks from locomotive. Smoke-stack.... luly..... Lugust.. ept'r... Matches..... Totals. 74 \$38,030 The heaviest loss in any month during

the year occurred in June, the smallest in Alarms were turned in at Box 2, eight imes; Box 3, four times; Box 5, two times; Box 6, one time; Box 12, three times; Box 13, three times; Box 14, three times; Box 15, two times; Box 16, three times; Box 17, three times; Box 21, one time; Box 22, four times; Box 25, two times; Box 26,

four times; Box 34, one time; Box 42, two

times; Box 43, one time; Box 45, three

No alarms were turned in at Boxes 4,

23, 35, 36, and 41.

congratulation to the public, who are all The city of Richmond is supplied with a more or less interested in the welfare of our Fire-Alarm and Police Telegraph Line, fellow-beings, it speaks well for the system managed by R. M. J. Paynter, superinten-The Committee on Public Buldings, Z.

W. Pickrell chalrman, inspected the jail last month, and expressed great satisfaction with its management, and agreed to recommend other improvements as suggested by Captain Tyler.

Total number of persons received during the year, 721; being 464 less than last year.

The Committee on Public Buldings, Z.

City Council, composed of Messrs. Joseph J. English, chairman, W. H. Williams, John Lauer, H. G. Cannon, and Samuel H. Pulliam. The committee meet on the third Thursday in each month at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Richmond Fire Department.

CITY RAILWAY.

The following is a memoranda of the affairs of the Richmond Railway Company for the present year: Number of passenty in each month at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Richmond Fire Department.

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THE CITY GAS-WORKS. The following is a statement of the gas made and consumed during the year 1876:

| Months. | Gas made. Cubic Feet. | Gas consumed Cubic Fe |
|--|---|--|
| January. Februarj. March. April. May June. July. August. September. October. November. December. | 7,821,801 7,845,500 6,674,160 6,190,200 4,821,600 5,690,000 6,617,200 8,510,000 9,322,800 | 7,852,1 7,668,7 6,738,7 6,223,0 5,024,6 5,001,5 5,630,2 6,640,3 8,432,3 9,293,3 |
| | | |

Total...... 87,959,100 87,784,750 The total quantity of coal used in the manufacture of this gas was 272,692 bushels; total quantity of coke used in the retort-house and about the works, 136,107 bushels; total quantity of lime used in purifying, 26,880 bushels. Receipts for coke and other articles sold at the lower works, \$9,095.89. The works have used during made 1,929,500 cubic feet of gas more than the previous year.

The following is a statement of meters in and out of use, charged rent, taken out, and introduced for new consumers and the number of private meters in use during the year 1876: In use, 3,220; out of use, 79; changed, 341; rent, 336; taken out, 432; introduced for new consumers, 155;

in private use, 68.
Street-Mains.—Forty-two and three fourth miles and 276 yards of street-mains have been laid from the commencement of eral Clerk, J. M. Wayt; Stamp Clerk, Ederal Clerk, J. M. Wayt; Stamp Clerk, Ederal Clerk, J. M. Wayt; William Powers: the works to date.

Street-Lamps .- Number at last report, 1,094; added during the year, 23-total, Mr. John H. Knowles is the superintend-

ent of the Gas-Works, and Mr. W. H. Page inspector of the department. Both of these gentlemen have been in office for many years, and have and will no doubt continue to give entire satisfaction.

CITY WATER-WORKS.

This department, although an extensive one, is generally in good working order. ment, \$5,003.20. fifth street between Broad and Marshall. The pumps, which are taxed to some exforeman; 11 minute-men, 3 of whom are on The recent cold weather has operated very Company G (hose-company), A. L. Fuqua | ticularly the turbine pumps; the chief commander, J. E. Walthall foreman; 11 difficulty being with the valves, consenot been kept at such uniform height.

The reservoirs, which form the next implied with new hose. Steam is kept up on portant part of the works, are in most exall the engines day and night, and every- cellent condition. The old, or Marshall office. The Fire Department costs the city attractive by flowers and shrubbery, which annually about \$40,000, and during the induces a much greater number of visitors. year it has rendered most valuable service, M. C. Baker, the superintendent, is ever were 20,265 orders paid, amounting to itors. The new reservoir has been very ceived from other offices was \$973,503. much improved by the addition of trees and The following is a statement of the fires | beautiful place of resort. The roadways | Britain and Ireland, Germany, and Switzpresent a fine drive, both on the banks and erland-\$12,058.58; fees on same, \$328.45. n the grounds. For skating the lake can- Paid, \$2,649.73. not be excelled, and in summer a sheet of water most beautiful. Mr. S. I. Hunt, the superintendent, keeps everything in the best manner, and by his deportment has

rendered himself very popular. There were laid during the year in the different streets 3.395 feet of six-inch pipe, 2.036 feet four-inch, 44 feet three-inch, and 48 feet one-and-a-half-inch, 9 stop-cocks, and 13 fire-plugs. Some of these plugs were attached to the old mains. From these mains and others there were made during the year 196 attachments for brivate and other buildings, very nearly all of which are fitted up with the modern style of improvements, such as water-closets, baths, boilers, and other things. The street-mains, stop-cocks, and fire-plugs are all in very good order. Less accidents have occurred this year than for several years past, and everything works

CITY ALMSHOUSE.

The City Almshouse is under the control of the Committee of the City Council for the Relief of the Poor-viz., L. Wagner (chairman), M. L. Straus, W. H. Williams, J. M. Talbott, J. M. Higgins, Henry Metzger, Z. W. Pickrell.

The officers of the institution are: Chas. P. Bigger, superintendent; William J. Epps, assistant superintendent; J. S. D. Cullen, physician.

WHITES. Admitted. Discharged. ...252 Males......21 ... 50 Females..... 8 Males.....290 Females.... 60 Children... 60 Females.... 50 Children.... 48 350 410

COLORED. Discharged. Males.....126 Females....113 Children.... 46 183 285 Total number remaining at same date: 135 Grand total, 279—being 38 more than at the same date last year.

During the year nine white and five which originated here, has been so perfected colored children have been adopted—six that sixty students embrace its privileges, white by ladies to be raised as their own chilleaving the two regular College hotels aldren; three white by the Female Humane most emptied of patronage. The board in Asylum; one colored adopted by aunt to be raised as her own child; four colored by the Colored Orphan Asylum.

"mess" is about \$9 per month. Astudent's expenses need not exceed \$200 per session of nine months. Theology is not taught in the Colored Orphan Asylum. Department Out-Door Poor

This department, also under the control

of the Committee of the City Council for the Relief of the Poor, has furnished relief to out-door poor from January 1, 1876, to December 26, 1876, as follows: Rations. orn-meal furnished last year.....4,689 Increase over last year 1,330

Fuel.-Wood, 959 cords; furnished last cords. Coke, 1,380 bushels; furnished last year, 1,280 bushels-increase over last year, 100 bushels. city dispensaries, exclusive of Medical College, 4,801; furnished last year, 5,612—detwo special medals and several scholarships Medicine.-Prescriptions furnished from city dispensaries, exclusive of Medical Col-

crease from last year, 811. Coffins.-Number furnished, 147; number furnished last year, 124-increase over ast year, 23. Burials .- Number furnished, 232; number furnished last year, 190-increase over

ast year, 42.

City Ambulance.-Number of signals answered, 199; number of signals answered ast year, 93-increase over last year, 106. City Hospital (Small-Pox). Charles P. Bigger, superintendent. This

nstitution is under the control of the Com-

mitte on Health—viz., O. F. Manson (chair-man), J. F. Wingfield, James T. Gray, R. M. Manly, Number of patients admitted, discharged, GRAPH.

and died from January 1, 1876, to December 26, 1876, as follows: Whites—Admitted, 2; discharged, 1; died, 1; Colored—Admitted, 5; discharged, 4; died, 1.

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THE DISPATCH

TERMS OF ADVERTISING
CASH-INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.
The square, one insertions.
The square, three insertions.
The square, six insertions.
The square, six insertions. ne square, twelve insertions.

Waldrop, treasurer and secretary. Employes: One foreman, 1 watchman, 1 blacksmith, 9 drivers; 1 tugman, and from 9 to 11 bostlers and job-hands.

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. - Meets the second Thursday in each month, and holds special meetings in the hall over the First National Bank, on Main street near Eleventh; President. E. O. Nolting; Secretary, P. G. Cogh-

CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE.-Meets daily. Sales commence at 10 o'clock A. M. President, T. W. McCance; Secretary, P. G. Coghlan. The Board of Directors meets quarterly for special business. TOBACCO EXCHANGE.—Meets daily. Sales ommence at 10 o'clock A. M. President,

B. C. Gray; Secretary, Peyton Wise. RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Meets daily, except legal holidays, over the

First National Bank, on Main street next to

the corner of Eleventh. Membership, 25. Officers: R. H. Maury, president; John C. Williams, vice-president; G. A. Davenport, secretary and treasurer. Organized in May, THE POST OFFICE. Postmaster, E. L. Van Lew; Assistant Postmaster, J. A. Jeffards; Superintendent Money-Order Department, Robert Caruthers; Clerk, Miss J. E. Howard; Superin-

tendent Registered Letter Department, J.

ward Powers; Box Clerk, William Powers;

General Delivery Clerk, Charles Spencer.

Mailing Department: Josiah Crump, Richard G. Bolling, William Nott, James Bow-

ser, Peter Roane. Superintendent Carriers' Department, E. S. Anderson. The force consists of fourteen carriers and two collectors of letters. There were sales of postage-stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards to the value of \$69,649.05. Amount received from box-rents and postage collected \$2,238.79.

Amount received for newspaper postage, collected under the law requiring prepay-FREE DELIVERY .- Delivered-Registered letters, 9,205; mail letters, 1,236,341; cards,

ceived in this department 16,244 letters for city distribution; 14,541 letters received for distribution to other offices; 4,792 letters were registered for mailing; 11,625 packages were registered and sent from this Money Orders .- During the year 1876

there were issued 7,991 orders, aggregating \$127,077.24; fees on same, \$1,032.05. There INTERNATIONAL ORDERS ISSUED-which other improvements, which render this a includes the Dominion of Canada, Great

> POSTAGE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. Letters per balf oz. Cents. Cents. e'n oz 27 East Indies.....

Turkey..... West Indies (via English mail). West Indies (direct mail) RICHMOND COLLEGE was incorporated in 1840, and is one of the Number of Inmates Received, Discharged, and Died at Almshouse from January 1, 1876, to December 26, 1876.

most vigorous of our State colleges. It has an admirable location both with reference to the city and the State at large. Its most vigorous of our State colleges. It has grounds are ample, and the buildings, when finished, will be an ornament to the "West-End" of the metropolis. The College has a Board of Trustees, composed in part of some of the leading business-men of Richmond-men who are fully alive to their great responsibility, and who are planning wisely for the opening future; a Faculty, ample in numbers and scholastic resources, fully abreast of the times in learning, industry, and enterprise; a constituency steady, appreciative, and devoted. Richmond College has the best State patronage of any Virginia college. The matriculates 83 of any Virginia college. The matriculates the present session number 142, with a considerable expected increase on New-Year. 144 The character of the young men this session is high. To good scholarship, they add admirable behavior. The "messing-system,"

the College, but young men who seek a literary education with a view to preaching are received free of charge for tuition and without respect to denominational bias, There are at present forty of these young men on the rolls. The elective system of studies prevails, with proper modifications. The standard of graduation is high, based upon current standing and rigid examinations. There are four academic degreesviz., Bachelor of Literature, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Master of year, 300 cords—increase over last year, 659 Arts. The library has some six thousand volumes, with yearly additions. The museum has an excellent foundation and a bright future. Rare specimens from every part of this great country and from the Old

> students to improvement in debate and general culture.
> It is a gratification to all friends of the institution that besides ample real estate and buildings the invested funds of the College reach nearly \$100,000, with many outstanding but reliable subscriptions.

> in the College, all endowed. Two very

flourishing literary societies, with inde-

pendent libraries and handsome halls, win

RICHMOND INSTITUTE

Corner Main and Nineteenth streets .- Rev. C. H. Corey, A. M., president; Rev. Jo-seph E. Jones, A. B., chief assistant. During the year eighty-four students have been in attendance, nearly sixty of whom are preparing for the ministry. Thirty-seven of these have received aid as benediciaries of the American Baptist-Heme Mission Society. Three of the young men are looking forward to missionary service in Africa; one of the graduates is already laboring in that country. During their summer vacation seven Sunday schools were organized by the students, and more than one thousand personal professed conversion under their labora-Professed conversion under their labors.
Tultion is free to all, and five different denominations are represented by those new in

in attendance.

During the last session of the General Assembly a liberal charter was granted to the Institution by that body.

The library contains more than two thou

send volumes. Constitution of the constitution of the